

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer and AMEND claims 1 and 3-11 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A refrigerator comprising:
a main body having a storage compartment defined therein and comprising a supporting member connected with a bottom part thereof of the main body and including an engaging groove; and
a lower cover mounted to ~~the~~ a lower end of ~~the~~ a front part of the main body such that ~~the~~ a front part of the lower cover and the front part of the main body together form ~~the~~ a same plane, the lower cover comprising an engaging member bent from an upper end of the lower cover in a direction towards a rear of the main body to be inserted into the engaging groove.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 2~~1~~, wherein the engaging groove has an inner height larger than ~~the~~ a vertical thickness of the engaging member, and wherein the engaging member is provided with a bent portion elastically deformed so that the engaging member is forcibly engaged with the engaging groove.
4. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein the bent portion comprises:
a first bent portion bent from the position spaced a prescribed distance from the front part of the lower cover toward ~~the~~ a rear of the bent portion while being inclined downward; and
a second bent portion bent from the first bent portion toward the rear of the main body.
5. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 2~~1~~, wherein the engaging member and the engaging groove are successively formed in ~~the~~ a lateral direction of the lower cover.

6. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 1, further comprising:
at least one door attached to the front part of the main body; and
at least one hinge provided at at least one of ~~both~~ lower sides of the front part of the main body for supporting the door,
wherein the lower cover ~~is provided with~~ includes at least one opened portion ~~for allowing~~ the hinge to be extended forward therethrough.

7. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim ~~2~~ 1, further comprising:
first screw-engaging parts extended a prescribed length from the opened portions toward the rear of the main body for fixing the lower cover;
second screw-engaging parts provided at the bottom part of the main body, the second screw-engaging parts corresponding to the first screw-engaging parts; and
fixing screws ~~for~~ fixing the first screw-engaging parts to the second screw-engaging parts.

8. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein ~~the lower cover includes a~~ the front part of the lower cover comprises having a length corresponding to the width of the front part of the main body and a height corresponding to the height of the space between the lower end of the front part of the main body and the floor.

9. (currently amended) A refrigerator comprising:
a main body having a storage compartment defined therein; and
a lower cover mounted to ~~the a~~ lower end of ~~the a~~ front part of the main body such that ~~the a~~ front part of the lower cover and the front part of the main body together form ~~the a~~ same plane,
wherein the lower cover ~~is provided with~~ comprises an engaging member bent from ~~the~~ an upper end of the lower cover in a direction towards ~~the a~~ rear of the main body, while being extended a prescribed length, the engaging member being successively formed in ~~the a~~ lateral direction thereof, and wherein the main body ~~is provided at the bottom part thereof~~ with comprises an engaging groove at a bottom part thereof, the engaging groove corresponding to the engaging member of the lower cover, the engaging member of the lower cover being engaged with the engaging groove of the main body.

10. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 29, further comprising:
at least one door attached to the front part of the main body; and
at least one hinge provided at at least one of ~~both~~ lower sides of the front part of the main body for supporting the door,
wherein the lower cover ~~is provided with~~includes at least one opened portion ~~for allowing~~
the hinge to be extended forward therethrough.

11. (currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 9, further comprising:
first screw-engaging parts extended a prescribed length from the opened portions toward the rear of the main body for fixing the lower cover;
second screw-engaging parts provided at the bottom part of the main body, the second screw-engaging parts correspond to the first screw-engaging parts; and
fixing screws ~~for fixing~~ the first screw-engaging parts to the second screw-engaging parts.